

New Perspectives on the Past
2015 NJ History and Historic Preservation Conference
June 3 & 4, 2015
Mt. Laurel, NJ

CALL FOR POSTERS

The 2015 NJ History and Historic Preservation Conference invite proposals from undergraduate and graduate students for the Poster Session at the annual conference. **Deadline extended to April 15, 2015.**

What is the Poster Session?

The Poster Session is a visual format for historic preservation, history, archaeology, architecture, planning, museum studies and public history projects. It is a venue to show off material and visual work, present preliminary data on a research topic and gather advice from experts in the field. Posters will be selected from among the submissions for presentation at the 2015 NJ History and Historic Preservation Conference.

When and where is the Poster Session?

The poster session will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at the ML Hotel in Mt. Laurel, NJ. Time to be determined. Prize(s) will be awarded for the best visual and verbal presentations.

How to Submit a Proposal

Proposals must be submitted electronically to <https://fs19.formsite.com/NJHT/Posters/index.html> and include:

1. Project Title
2. Contact information of all participants (Name, address, email, phone number, and affiliation)
3. Abstract (limit 150 words) that explains and promotes the project
4. One-page c.v. or resume for each participant
5. Simple visual mock-up of the display created in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Photoshop, or Publisher, etc. and saved as a PDF
6. Brief explanation of presentation needs ($\frac{1}{2}$ of a 6' table, access to one electrical outlet, and/or an easel and foam core on which to display your poster) Wireless internet access will be available. *Participants must provide own computer if one will be used in the presentation. Due to limited space, projectors may not be used during the poster presentation.*

How Will Your Proposal Be Judged?

A panel of experts will:

1. Recommend posters for display at the 2015 NJ History and Historic Preservation Conference based on the persuasiveness of your abstract, the clarity of your visual presentation, and your project's relation to major issues in the field.
2. Conduct an interview with session participants the day of the conference
Students should be prepared to give a brief oral introduction to the project and answer questions.
3. Provide a monetary prize(s).

Formatting and Content Advice

Poster size- No larger than 36" x 48" on laminated paper or poster board

A good poster should introduce your topic, research questions, methods, and/or best practices, and what was accomplished or learned. Be sure to include the following:

- Give the poster a title.
- Use images to illustrate your points.
- Label the photos with a title, photographer, and date.
- Keep text brief. Edit carefully. The test of a good poster is if someone can read it in five minutes and understand your main points.
- Use wallpaper and graphics to enliven the look of the poster.
- Print out all text. Do not hand letter.
- Consider making copies of your poster as handouts. This will mean shrinking the poster to legal-sized copies. Observers often want something to take away. Provide your contact information so attendees can reach you later with additional questions, resources, and/or suggestions.

Resources

<http://gradschool.cofc.edu/research/PosterGuidelines>

<http://www.onlinebachelordegreeprograms.com/resources/designing-scientific-posters/>

For more information contact Janice Armstrong at the New Jersey Historic Trust at janice.armstrong@dca.nj.gov or 609-984-5516